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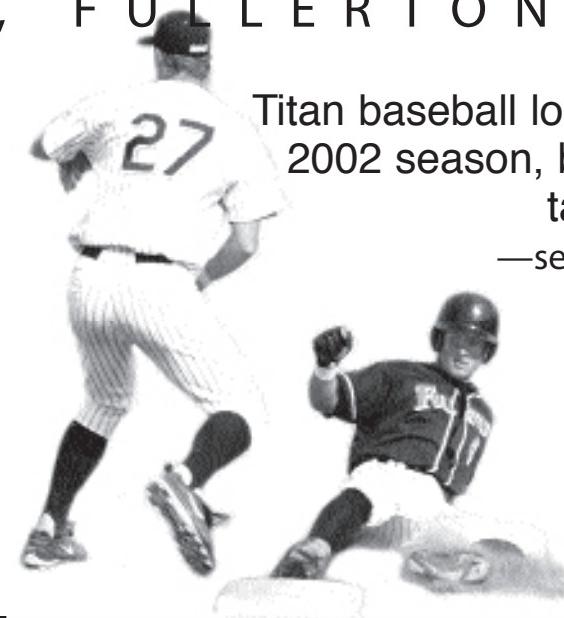
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Vigilance can be key to safety

SUBSTANCE:

Rohypnol, a date drug similar to GHB, makes its victims blackout and lose body control

By HEATHER BAER
Daily Titan Staff Writer

She awoke that afternoon in a daze.

She couldn't remember how she got home.

She couldn't remember what had happened the night before.

All she knew was that she was in her house and feeling ill.

"All I remember is standing by the bar and the next minute I was waking up and it was one in the afternoon," Dorothy Miller, 30, said. "I couldn't tell you anything that had happened the night before, I just couldn't remember."

While at the Barfly, a club in Hollywood, Miller had been drugged with a liquid form of Rohypnol.

Rohypnol, as well as Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate (GHB), are date rape drugs, which according to police, are usually slipped into somebody's drink while at a bar or party.

Miller said that she is usually careful about watching her drink and was surprised that she was drugged.

"I never let anybody buy me drinks, and I constantly watch over

my drink and try never to leave it alone," Miller said. "You hear about these kinds of things on shows like Dateline, and you try to be responsible and safe, but you never really think that it could ever happen to you until it does."

Miller said that although she rarely leaves her drink alone, she did leave her drink when she went to the restroom.

"When I went to the restroom, I left my drink at the bar where the group of people I was with were standing," Miller said. "When I came back my drink was there but most of the group had dispersed."

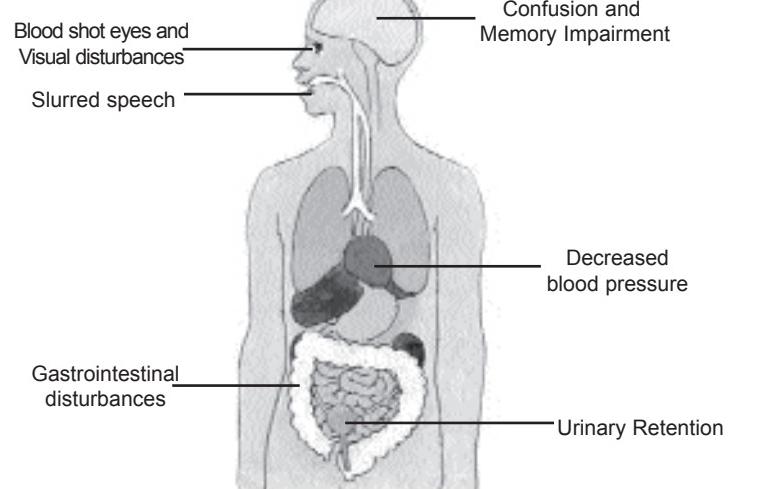
Earlier in the evening, Miller had done five shots, but she said that she could handle her alcohol and it

wasn't until after she returned from the restroom and drank the next drink that she lost control.

"My friend took a sip of the coke first and said it tasted funny, almost metallic-like," Miller said. "I took it from her and didn't taste the difference, I thought that maybe it was just flat and that was what she was tasting. I finished the drink, and within minutes I lost control and had no idea what happened for the rest of that night."

Miller's friends and sister told her the next day about the events the night before, telling her exactly how she looked physically and how she acted after being drugged.

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PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF ROHYPNOL

Rohypnol(Roofies, Rope, Mexican Valium) is called the "Date Rape Drug". Mixed with alcohol, marijuana, cocaine or other drugs, it can provide a rapid and dramatic "high" similar to intoxication. Rohypnol belongs to the family of medication called benzodiazepines which includes Valium, Librium and Xanax.

Trinity Powell/Daily Titan

Microsoft aims to up their

TECHNOLOGY:

Recently launched Windows XP hopes to attract new consumers and raise PC profits

By JAMES REYNOSA
Daily Titan Staff Writer

With the recent launch of Microsoft's Windows XP, industry analysts said they hope the new program will revitalized consumer sales.

The new program was unveiled in New York and London last Thursday, and Microsoft is hoping it will be a best seller.

On the package, it states the system promises fewer computer crashes and will allow users to delete data from their hard drive.

"Hopefully this will help me with some of the basic quirks I've had with my other operating system," said Thomas Henderson, a consumer holding Windows XP in line at Best Buy.

According to PC Weekly, the launch of Windows '95 six years ago saw computer sales rise and the industry hopes Windows XP can help reverse the 11.3 percent slump in world computer sales since Sept. 11.

At the product launch in New York, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates presented the keynote address.

Leaders from the PC industry, more than 50 Microsoft partners, New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and an appearance by television's Regis Philbin, were also at the launch in Broadway's Marriott Marquis Theatre.

"New York City is the perfect place to announce the worldwide availability of Windows XP," Gates said. "I want to thank all the people of New York City for welcoming us here, to congratulate them for their unbroken spirit, courage and determination, and to urge all Americans to join us in recognizing that New York is absolutely open for business."

For the PC industry, XP couldn't

have come at a better time.

A sickened computer market has pinned its hopes of revival on the new operating system helping to reverse the slow growth in the industry in the wake of a global economic downturn.

After a decade-and-a-half of explosive growth, PC sales have been nearly flat in 2001. Analysts from PC World and Business PC are predicting the trend will continue for several more years.

Although the release of XP is expected to boost computer sales, the jury is out on whether the new upgrade will be enough to lift the PC market out of its worst slump.

According to recent research from Gartner Dataquest, global shipments of PCs have fallen for the first time since 1986. The latest Windows version requires more computer memory and a faster processor, forcing businesses and consumers to upgrade their PC or buy a new one.

Anderson IT Consultant James Alexander told Reuters: "People need a powerful PC to run XP, which is why PC makers love it."

Computer watchers say the new system is much more reliable (less prone to crashes), easier to use, with a better "Start menu," a snazzier look and brighter icons.

It's more secure with file encryption and restricted access.

The printer links are improved and it has instant messaging, and, voice technology. PC Photo ranks the multimedia applications as impressive, especially for digital photography.

A feature called Compatibility Mode fools older programs into thinking they are working with Windows '95, '98, ME or 2000, so they don't choke with XP.

It is also family-friendly. Each computer can be used by a number of different people.

But the product has also brought controversy—including the long-standing criticism of Microsoft that the operating system promotes many of its own

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Waiting for the bus

A black Mercedes Benz crashes into a bus stop on State College Boulevard Tuesday.

New bill pending

POLITICS: A U.S. House proposal would revive "Radio Free Afghanistan" by bringing news to the country

By KIMBERLY PIERCEALL
The Daily Titan Staff Writer

While Americans channel-surf from MSNBC to NBC to CNN to ABC, the people of Afghanistan watch what the Taliban wants them to watch – nothing.

Televisions are forbidden in Afghanistan.

The Taliban controls the news.

"Horrible things are being said right now that are not being countered," said Fullerton Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) in a formal statement. "There is a lot of anti-Semitic, anti-American, anti-Western hate radio being broadcast by the Taliban and Osama bin Laden's organization."

Royce's Radio Free Afghanistan (RFA) Bill [H.R. 2998] intends to broadcast unbiased and reliable radio messages directly to people living in Afghanistan.

It would serve as a substitute news source "in an area that doesn't allow free media," said Paul Goble the director of communications for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL). Goble acknowledged that some would perceive bias in American broadcasts.

"You have to earn a reputation as being reliable," he said. The news reports would include local Afghanistan sources, he said.

RFA already has a reputation in the Taliban controlled region. From 1985 until 1993, the federal government funded broadcasts during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. After the Soviet Union collapsed, funding stopped and so did the broadcasts. Hindsight is said to be 20/20, and several government officials including Royce believe the broadcasts should have never stopped.

"If we had had Radio Free Afghanistan up and running for several years now, the terrorists would not have had the

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Residence doubles as haunted house

HOLIDAY: The detail for Halloween horror with gargoyles and headstones proves to be frighteningly fun

By MICHELLE ORTEGA
Special to the Titan

With all the crazy events taking place in the country, people may be feeling a little "Psycho." Never fear, the Bates Motel has plenty of vacancies. A little R&R and a hot shower could be the end to all your problems.

For different people Halloween fun may be horror and gore, extraterrestrial aliens and flying saucers, or cackling witches and devils, but the

Miller residence is a treat for all.

For the past nine years Russ and Jean Miller have transformed their humble home in Fullerton into a fortress of Halloween hauntings and fun.

Driving along Southgate Avenue, it is hard to imagine that a regular house exists behind the magnificent facade built by Russ Miller, which stands taller than their actual home behind it. The facade replicates a haunted mansion from Transylvania with pillars and windows. Gargoyles adorn the walls and rooftops.

On the side of the house facing Brookhurst Avenue, there are windows into the Bates Motel-styled room, a topless bar and Dracula's room.

"It's like a movie set from Hollywood went up right here in Fullerton," said Zachary Romo, 13, of Fullerton. "It's so cool."

"It's like being in old town Knott's Berry Farm," said Eric Morgan, 26, of La Habra. "The props seem so real, like they got them from a movie studio or something."

With the help of two longtime friends, Wayne Cardoos and Kurt Matsuyoshi, also of Fullerton, the Millers started preparing to decorate their home the day after the fourth of July.

"Once we start we never leave. We work seven days a week, from early morning 'til after dark," said Cardoos. "This is all we do."

Hours of meticulous attention to detail go into setting everything up just right. Once Russ Miller finishes constructing the facade with the help of Cardoos and Matsuyoshi, the finely detailed work of Jean Miller has only just begun.

Jean Miller could be called the

mastermind behind the Halloween display. Although she never worked for a motion picture company or any other type of theatre production company, Jean Miller has a clear vision of what Halloween gore and costumes are all about. She worked for Anaheim Memorial Hospital in the nurse's administration office and has just recently retired. She admits she was anxious to begin decorating.

Petite, with sandy-blond hair and a shy smile, Jean Miller describes how she likes to set up all the characters herself. She knows what she wants things to look like and aims to get them just right.

Setting up her ghoulish monsters, mutilated mannequins, witches and aliens is the best part of Halloween for her. With a soft-spoken voice,

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Dead bodies surface and greet visitors at a local haunted house.

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A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING

BRIEFS

Conference to join biotechnology partnership for Orange County

Cal State Fullerton, UC Irvine and a private industry are joining forces to develop and build the biotechnology industry in Orange County.

The first step will be a conference on Friday, Nov. 2 to facilitate the transition of university scientists' research into commercial ventures, said David Fromson, associate dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at CSUF and conference moderator.

In association with the Orange County Biotechnology Alliance, UCI and CSUF will present "From Bench to Boardroom: An Introduction to the Business of Biotechnology for Academics."

The conference will be at the Arnold and Mable Beckman Center of the National Academies in Irvine. The invitation-only event is expected to draw more than 100 participants.

Session topics include recognizing biotechnology opportunities, developing a business plan, establishing intellectual property rights, legal issues, filing disclosures and patents and exploring sources for funding.

University scientists will direct the sessions with speakers from UCI and Stanford technology transfer offices; faculty from CSUF, UC San Diego and UCI; and representatives from biotechnology companies, accounting firms, law firms and venture capital firms.

Fromson said that this is the ideal time and place to enhance the development of the biotechnology industry in Orange County.

Governor signs bill for blind access

Recently, Gov. Gray Davis approved a bill authorizing the state librarian to provide toll-free telephone access to the news for people who are blind.

Assembly Bill No. 1723, known as the Kevin Starr Access to Information Act of 2001, bears the name of state librarian Kevin Starr, who actively promoted the telephone news service for people who are blind or print disabled.

The new legislation will support separate systems—Telephone Reader and Newsline—to help the blind follow the news on a daily basis. Telephone Reader is a service staffed by volunteers who record the news from local newspapers and magazines and make it available on the telephone for people who are blind.

The program is available in Los Angeles and Sacramento.

Newsline is a telephonic reading service that converts digital news articles into a machine voice accessible by telephone. It will be available free for one year—March 2002 to March 2003—then the National Federation of the Blind will charge each state \$40,000 for the service, plus additional charges dependent on use.

Currently Newsline is available to residents in Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and San Francisco.

Under both programs, patrons may listen to the news by dialing the service on the telephone. Using the number pad on a touch-tone phone, he or she may jump from story to story, have a section repeated or scan the contents of a newspaper.

The only difference is that Newsline uses a mechanical voice, while Telephone Reader is recorded with human voices.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community-

The Relationship Building Network is hosting their BUSINESS Expo/Trade Show Dec. 4 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Newport Fish Company and there is a \$10 admission charge. There will be appetizers, entertainment and prizes.

There will be a Nutcracker Boutique at the Brea Community Center Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Brea Community Center Youth and teen and family programs.

The City of Brea and the National Watercolor Society are presenting the 81st annual "National Watercolor Juried Exhibition" through Dec. 9. The exhibit will feature more than 100 watercolor paintings from artists around the world. For more information, call (714) 990-7730.

Brea's Curtis Theatre presents "Cecil B. DeMille Presents" and "Campanile" Nov. 16-18. Tickets are \$27. For more information, call (714) 990-7722.

"Devices of Wonder: From the World in a Box to Images on a Screen" is an exhibit at the Getty Center in Los Angeles

Nov. 13 through Feb. 3. The displays feature devices that enhance visual perception including mirrors, dioramas and microscopes. For more information, call (310) 440-7722.

"An evening with Maya Angelou" will be held at UC Irvine on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. The famed author will be on hand to discuss and answer questions. For more information, call (949) 824-5000.

Orange County's Fine Arts Festival will be at Brea Downtown Nov. 3-4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature more than 90 different artists and craftsmen from the West Coast. The admission is free.

A live musical/comedy entitled "Ha Ha That Rocks" will be playing at The Roxy in Los Angeles Nov. 13. Special guests including the Sklar Brothers, Trilambs and Metal Shop will be featured during the showcase. For more information, call (310) 276-2222.

Campus

"Dia de Los Muertos" will be held in the Central Quad from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 1. The event is funded by the Association of Inter-Cultural Awareness and Associated

Students. For more information, call (714) 278-3846.

Self-defense classes for women only will be offered Nov. 1, 9 and 16 in the Physical Education Building's Fencing Room. The "Rape Aggression Defense" is a consecutive group of classes that teach women to be prepared if ever faced with an attacker. For more information, call (714) 278-5533.

On Nov. 2 at 9 a.m., prospective transfer students can learn more about CSUF. An information fair and workshops will hand out additional information about the campus. There will also be tours of the campus. For more information, call (714) 278-4343.

A "French Poetry Night" will be held Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Titan Student Union's Titan Theatre. The night will include music and poetry by philosopher Gerard Bucher. Admission is free.

Associated Student elections will be held Oct. 31 through Nov. 1. Voting booths will be located throughout the campus, and students can vote as long as they have their student identification card.

A guitar Master class and recital will be held Nov. 1 and 2

in the Performing Arts Complex. A Venezuelan guitarist who currently teaches in Austria is coming to CSUF to perform songs like "Sonata" and "Suite Venezolana." For more information, call (714) 278-3371.

The Missy Hasin Trio will perform Nov. 13 at the Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana. Tickets are \$10. Missy Hasin is a cellist who plays jazz, hip-hop and rock. For more information, call (714) 567-7234.

A free advance screening of "How High" is open to all CSUF students Nov. 7. The movie featuring Method Man and Redman will be shown at AMC Theatres in Fullerton. For more information, call (714) 278-3502.

On Nov. 3 Banu Gibson and The New Orleans Hot Jazz will perform at 8 p.m. The jazz singer is coming back to CSUF to entertain audiences with classic American songs from the 1920s and 1940s. For more information, visit www.arts.fullerton.edu.

"Objects Extraordinaires: Awakening the Sense of Wonder" is on display at the Pollak Library Atrium Gallery through Dec. 20. Unique natural objects and manmade works from the past century are on display. For more information, call

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Holiday isn't just about candy

■ HALLOWEEN: The October celebration known for costumes and treats has a long and colorful history

By PATRICIA RODRIGUES
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Images of ghosts and spiders, carvings of pumpkins, and vampires and witches usually characterize Halloween festivities, yet many don't know its origins.

Halloween dates back to ancient times and is always celebrated during the harvest season.

"Harvest time is an uncertain time, so it's a holiday of uncertainty because you don't know how the crop will turn out," said Clarence Tygart, a sociology professor. "It's also a time for reflection."

According to the History Channel's Web site, Halloween was a festival celebrated by the Celts who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland. Oct. 31 was the end of the

summer harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter — a time that was often associated with death.

On this night, the Celts believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth to cause trouble and damage crops. They believed that they would encounter ghosts if they left their homes so they wore costumes to avoid being recognized. People would leave food outside their doors to prevent ghosts from entering the house.

The American tradition of "trick-or-treating" dates back to All Souls' Day parades in England when poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives. Later on, children would visit homes in the neighborhood and be given treats.

In America, the first colonial Halloween festivities included dancing, singing, telling ghost stories and causing mischief. In the early 20th century, there was a move in America to change Halloween into more of a community get-together, rather than a holiday about frightening ghosts, pranks and witchcraft, thus losing its religious and super-

stitious overtones.

By the 1930s, Halloween became a secular holiday with parades and parties but vandalism was rampant. By the 1950s, the harmful pranks had decreased and Halloween was directed at children who were given candy by neighbors to prevent tricks played on them.

"People played heinous pranks and tried to rationalize it, in terms that it was just a harmless prank," Tygart said.

He added that people do things that they usually don't do, using a costume so they won't be recognized and turned in.

Tygart explained that wearing a disguise permits individuals to do things and not hurt their conscience. It also allows them to take on characters and assume roles that they usually wouldn't.

"Actually, this is pretty common in our culture — the fact that we play different roles," he said. "People don't usually lose status by doing this, so it allows people to interact and be equal during certain holidays and Halloween is an example of that."

Tygart explained that it became a holiday where people could do things to other people and get away with it without

hurting their conscience, but now it has become commercialized.

The "trick-or-treat" tradition continues to grow today. According to the National Retail Federation's Web site, before Sept. 11 Halloween was expected to generate an estimated \$6.9 billion in sales for 2001, making it the second largest commercial holiday of the year.

Halloween is also celebrated in other countries in different ways.

In Mexico, it is a three-day celebration known as the Day of the Dead. The celebration honors the dead who are believed to return to their earthly homes on Halloween. Many families construct an altar to honor the deceased and decorate it with flowers, candy and drinks. Candles are burned to help the deceased find their way home and gravesites are tidied and decorated. Some celebrations include picnics with tequila and a mariachi band.

"It's a day we celebrate, we don't mourn," said Celina Alvarez, a communications major. "It's a nice tradition because it forces you to remember your loved ones."

In England, Halloween is also celebrated on Oct. 31 and children go



ENGY TAWFIK/Special to the Titan

Customer shop for Halloween favors at Party City in Santa Ana. from door to door trick-or-treating for sweets.

"We dress up in costumes but there's not the mischief you see here," said Greg Allwood, a British citizen and a theater major. "It's much less commercialized."

In Taiwan, Halloween does not exist. Elizabeth Lin, a master's student who plans to teach English, is from Taiwan and has been here for only four months, but is looking forward to celebrating her

first Halloween.

"I think it's a pretty nice holiday," she said. "Usually you are pretty normal and during this time you can behave crazy. It's a time for releasing."

Even though now it has been commercialized, people can still put on a costume and do things that otherwise they'd never dare.

"It's a psychological outlet that is socially acceptable," Tygart said.

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Oktoberfest winds up another fun year

■ CELEBRATION: The event held beer-drinking contests, offered dance lessons and featured German bands

By DEENA ANDERSON
Daily Titan Staff Writer

It was the party of the year.

Since 1978, Huntington Old World featured its annual Oktoberfest with beer, food, dancing and more beer.

The German extravaganza ended Sunday, and it ended successfully.

"I thought it was great," said Bar Manager Daniel Roth.

Saturday, Oct. 20 broke all records in

regards to the biggest day the bar had, Roth said.

Old World is nestled in a little Bavarian village located in Huntington Beach, surrounded by modern high-rise buildings.

Outside the building's walls are 70 vibrant murals depicting scenes from 18 European countries.

"It looks very authentic here," said Stacy Castillo of Buena Park. "It's a nice way of bringing Germany to Huntington Beach."

There are also imported lanterns that light up the cobblestone lanes so people can walk through the village at night.

"It brings a different mood...it makes me feel like I'm on vacation in another country," Castillo said.

Each year, the Oktoberfest program

features beer drinking contests and German bands from Europe.

"We flew them [the band members] in from Germany, and put them up since the first week of October," Roth said.

There are German foods including bratwurst sausages, sauerkraut, hot dogs, hot pretzels and strudels.

"They have a lot of authentic food, music and workers dressed in German outfits," said Castillo. "It's a cultural experience...a taste of being in Germany."

Although the festival has a small hall for dancing, it didn't stop people from crowding in to learn the "chicken dance."

"Everyone is dancing...it's like a big party on the dance floor," Castillo said. "People seem to be having a blast."

People did not hesitate to learn other songs or popular German dances including the "Zillerhaller Wedding March," the "Donkey Wave," the "Polonaise," "Alice" and "Oompah-pah music," songs from Linzerbuben, Austria.

As these songs were played, another echo could be heard from the festival hall.

People recited the beer-drinking chant many times throughout the night to show Oktoberfest spirit.

"There's a lot of drinking going on...everyone [on Friday and Saturday nights] is drinking," Roth said.

Oktoberfest also offers family days where children and parents participate in several events, including the Dachshund races.

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her eyes light up and she speaks with passion about her Halloween vision.

"If you look carefully you can see that all the masks match the costumes," Jean Miller said. "The magician's robe matches his mask, the devil's suit with ruby sequins matches his mask and even his female date is dressed [in vampire attire] to match him."

Walking up and down the aisles in front of the decorated home, Jean Miller talks about how she shops all year long looking for things to add to the Halloween display. She said much of what people see looks like it came from a Hollywood prop warehouse.

Although she likes Halloween shops, much of her stuff has come from the swap meet and other stores.

Looking into the Bates Motel window is an example of the incredible attention to detail. Peeking through the window, viewers see a blonde Norman Bates styled mannequin standing in a shower with real running water clutching a butcher knife and dressed as his mother. A monogrammed Bates Motel hand towel hangs on the towel rack. A lit "Bates Motel" sign hangs just outside the window.

"If you look at everything it all goes together — the mask, the costume," Cardoos said. "Jean is very meticulous."

The front lawn is covered with huge maple leaves raked up at a nearby park. Genuine marble headstones lie near real coffins and

decrepit skeletal bodies emerge from the earth. The Millers purchased the headstones at a discount because of errors made in spelling or dates.

People may think Jean Miller stays up late watching horror flicks, or that she goes around and checks out other Halloween displays and haunted houses for inspiration, but she doesn't.

They may also think she has children to help out with ideas, but her children are all grown and out of the house. All of what is seen comes from Jean Miller's own creepy-fun imagination.

"A lot of the kids know who the masks are and they tell me," said Jean Miller pointing to a mask of Albert Einstein. "I just buy them cause I like them and they look good."

When asked why she does it year after year Jean proudly spoke of the chil-

dren who come to see her home.

"There's this grandfather that brings his granddaughter to see it every night," said Jean Miller. "That little girl knows where everything is and if things are moved just a little bit."

Crowds gather to see the display every night. Jean Miller said Halloween night is by far the busiest. Those who visit during the first two hours on Halloween night may come away with a treat. The Millers will give out about \$100 worth of candy. The day after Halloween, the Millers will begin preparing for Christmas by painting the facade red and white and getting out the Christmas decorations.

The Miller residence is located at 1748 W. Southgate Avenue in Fullerton off Brookhurst Avenue. As the sun goes down, the line gets very long but it is well worth the wait.

If you look at everything it all goes together - the mask, the costume...

—Wayne Cardoos,
Fullerton Resident

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"I guess my best friend was the one to notice something first. She got my sister and told her that we needed to leave immediately," Miller said. "They told me that my eyes were rolling back in my head and they literally had to drag me out of the bar and drag me up to my apartment. I couldn't walk. I wasn't responsive."

Miller said when she was talking to friends the next day, she was trying to tell them what happened and her friends told her that they had seen her that night and even had conversations with her.

"I couldn't believe that the people I was telling my story to had just been having a conversation with me the night before. I had no recollection of any of the conversations or even leaving the club," Miller said. "Thank goodness my best friend knows me and how I act when I am partying. She could tell the difference and knew I had to be taken home."

Miller explained that being on Rohypnol basically makes you

blackout mentally and you become agreeable to suggestions.

"I was very compliant, at least that is how I looked," Miller said. "I could've walked out with anybody, I could've gone anywhere and had no clue what was going on."

Trinka Porrata, a drug consultant, said that although Rohypnol is not prevalent anymore, it is quite similar to GHB.

"GHB is climbing the ladder. We are seeing more and more of it at clubs, bars and especially at college parties," Porrata said. "In a liquid form it has a salty taste, which is why people try to mix it mixed-alcohol drinks. An eyedropper full of GHB is the same as drinking six beers quickly."

Porrata said that Rohypnol is a depressant, and it feels like taking a strong Valium and leaves the victim looking like he or she is in control when in fact they are not.

"The person goes into something like a walking blackout; they may look fine but they have no control," Porrata said. "They may walk out the door with somebody, and it looks like they are doing it willingly, but they aren't doing it willingly because

they don't know what is going on."

Miller said that she went to the Santa Monica Hospital emergency room at 10:30 p.m. the next day, because she was not feeling better; she was feeling worse.

"My heart was beating fast, I was hot and then had the chills," Miller said. "They took blood and urine samples and told me that I had been drugged with Rohypnol."

Despite her curiosity about what took place the night before, Miller said as the day progressed her anger grew.

"At first I just wanted to know what happened to me and why I was sick, that is why I went to the hospital," Miller said. "After finding out that I was drugged and having to swallow liquid charcoal at the hospital, now I am pissed."

According to Porrata, GHB is more dangerous than Rohypnol and people must be very careful when they go to parties, because it is easy for someone to slip it into a drink without ones' knowledge.

"With GHB, unlike some other date-rape drugs, the victim loses his/her gag reflex, and if on their back, may drown in their own vomit,"

Porrata said. "When drugged with GHB the victim's breathing decreases, the victim may wake up the next day and not remember what happened and may even partially remember being very drunk but has no idea how they could've gotten that drunk because they didn't drink that much in the first place."

Sgt. Joe Klein, Chairman of the California Narcotics Officers Association, said that GHB can hit the system of a victim as quickly as 15 minutes.

"When ingested orally, the victim's blood pressure goes down, they get numb, lose all control over their motor functions and they look like they are a zombie," Klein said. "This is a fatal, lethal drug. It can put you in a coma and people can die from it."

Klein suggests that people be very cautious when going to parties, and should get their own drinks.

"Don't ever consume anything somebody gives you to drink, and never drink out of a punchbowl," Klein said. "GHB has become an epidemic throughout the nation for girls of all ages. People need to be careful for their own safety."

RADIO

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fertile ground they have found in Afghanistan," he said.

The bill sits in the House International Relations Committee until Thursday when it should be passed to the House floor for discussion and a vote.

If passed, the federal government would give "International Broadcasting Operations"; \$6 million in 2002 and \$8 million more in 2003 to fund the radio project in Afghanistan. The operations group must set aside \$1.5 million to solely pay for a new radio transmitter to reach Afghanistan.

If implemented, the people of Afghanistan would choose whether or not to listen to the broadcasts.

"They'll tune in — they're hungry for information," said Royce's Director of Communications Bryan Wilkes.

Goble said RFE/RL already has

staff members fluent in Afghanistan languages like Uzbek, making it possible for radio programming to be available in Afghanistan within a week after the bill's passage.

In a statement on the organization's Web site, RFE/RL President Thomas Dine said, "Starting in 1951, RFE/RL provided crucial support to the peoples of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union in their victorious struggle against communism and for freedom."

Broadcasts can still be heard in and around Europe in 25 different languages including Russian, Uzbek, Estonian, Azerbaijani and Arabic. Goble said the broadcasts have the potential to empower listeners to make decisions including the decision to tune in or tune out.

WINDOWS

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services including the MSN Internet service and its Media Player software — thus excluding rivals and curbing consumer choice.

There has also been criticism of the XP registration procedure that involves contacting Microsoft with a unique 44-digit number to "activate" the software.

Rupert Goodwins of ZDnet says: "People are very uneasy about this. This gives Microsoft control of something you've bought, for the first time. And when you do something to it that Microsoft doesn't like, then they can turn it off."

Microsoft defends "activation" as an anti-piracy measure.

In the company's marketing-speak Gates said, "Windows XP builds on people's dreams, taking the power

and adaptability of the PC to a new level."

But will the new product build on Microsoft's own dreams?

Industry insiders are skeptical and say that although bringing a lot of fancy add-ons as standard, the technology is nothing revolutionary.

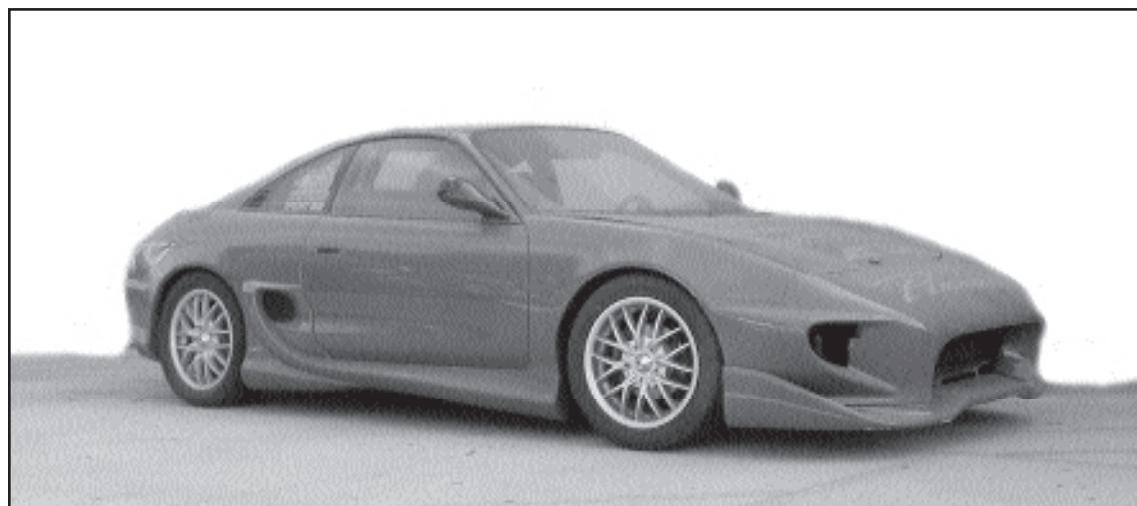
"Really there is not anything new in application terms," said Brian Gammage, principal PC industry analysts for the Gartner Research Group. "It is just an integrated version of what they've got already."

Gammage predicts "no significant effect whatsoever" on PC sales.

"There are enthusiasts who upgrade but these are a small part of the market, around 10 percent," Gammage said. "People buy computers because they can do things — not because they can do things a little bit better."

Classifieds

The need for speed



Body kit, spoiler and flashy rims make the car unique and define the owner.

The first thing that people want to do on their car is tires and

—Kenneth Lo,
General manager of Impex Motorsports

Taking \$15,000 to buy a Honda Civic is nothing on the odd side, but spending an additional \$10,000 to change its style is something that people would not usually do.

But, there are still many people out there who are called "performance car enthusiasts" who sometimes spend twice the amount of the car's price in additional parts to accessorize.

Performance cars, or what many people would call "fixed-up" cars, may be placed in two main categories. The car can be fixed up for performance, which means engine works that will make the car run faster. According to Kenneth Lo, general manager of Impex Motorsports, people can add a supercharger to the engine and increase the horsepower of the car by 40 percent.

If not interested in making the car run faster, work can be done just for the looks, simply to make the car more appealing by the owner's personal preference.

"The first thing that people want to do on their car is tires and wheels, it just makes the car look better and also makes the performance of the car better especially during sharp turns," Lo said. "It's the work on suspension and shocks."

Many performance car experts agree on the tires and wheels being the most essential and basic thing when it comes to fixing up a car for looks.

"Wheels make or break a car," explained Dabby Chia, sales associate of Sprewell Racing. "If you get ugly, no name, made-in-Taiwan wheels, they are nasty and people can say that's a nice car with sh-tty wheels."

In wheels and rims, the top of the line for a Honda is "Racing Hart," and the average cost for a set of four is around \$3,320.

The speed demon possesses not only the rich, who can pull out the checkbook and write five-figure amounts without skipping a heartbeat, but also the minimum wage workers who save up for months to add that special touch to their rides. And it is not even to become a babe magnet. To some people that amount may sound unworthy, perhaps even crazy, but to the true performance car lovers, the

money is definitely well spent.

"When I was in high school, I would never eat lunch and all my money would go to my car," said Aldo Villagran, a mechanic with over 10 years of experience modifying cars. "I put all my graduation money in it too." Now working with Pit Crew Motorsports, Villagran began his love affair with cars with a 1989 Civic that was a shell-only and installed an Acura Integra motor into the car by himself.

Villagran said that an Integra motor with a lighter frame makes a car faster. Changing the exhaust creates more air flow that leaves the motor and the motor revs up faster, he



added. "But it's not just the exhaust, it's the header, intake, everything has working conjunctions with the motor."

For people who are really into modifying their cars on the performance side, speed is a big factor.

"I love cars. I love fast cars. I don't worry about the speed limit," said Sean Hillier, a sales associate/mechanic at Pit Crew Motorsports. He has attended many drag races and competed in many race events.

"The prize money won at those competitions never covers

the investment made on the car," said Hillier. "It's the respect that we get from other people."

"Many guys put their heart and soul into their car," said Jeff Tirado, owner of Pit Crew Motorsports.

With the devotion of energy and time, car owners often show off the car in race competitions or exhibitions like the Specialty Equipment Market Association show that is going on this week in Las Vegas. The SEMA show is considered to be the nation's largest performance car exhibition with hundreds of performance parts companies. Many car owners either drive or ship their "artwork" to the show hoping to win a title and get recognition for their hard work.

"To go to a car show with all the labor and buying, you're going to spend around \$25,000, and that is only to get a chance to win," said Kevyn Tran, owner of TL Autobody. "Other people easily spend 30-40 thousand dollars."

Often times, car lovers spend all their earnings on the extravagant hobby.

"Fixing up a car is definitely very costly, it's a luxury," Villagran said. "But money will never be an obstacle in the way of true car lovers."

In a way, the relationship of men to cars is like women to clothes although the female population of performance car lovers is on the rise. Male and female enthusiasts alike don't need a reason to fix-up their car. They do not do it for comfort or safety, just for the look or to make it run faster.

The advice to people who are looking into fixing up their



European car owners often pay extra money on top of the original

Strong pitching staff may give Titans return ticket to

■BASEBALL: After losing nine players to MLB draft, a new Fullerton team prepares for the 2002 season

By BRIAN MILLER
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Pitching and defense. These attributes are essential when building a championship team. For Cal State Fullerton's 2002 baseball squad, these might be the links to get them back to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Following last year's championship run that was stopped short, the team lost nine players to the Major League Draft, including starting pitcher Kirk Saarloos, team leader and second baseman David Bacani and power-hitting first baseman Aaron Rikfin.

This leaves question marks at a variety of positions and a few players that are ready to step in and take over. Only center fielder Chris Stringfellow and second baseman Jason Corapci return as offensive starters from last year's team. The rest of the 2002 team is made up of young talent, transferring from community colleges and universities.

The bright spot, however, is the pitching staff.

Head coach George Horton said he believes that the team is going to live and die by its young guns.

"Pitching is our strength for sure," he said. "Although it is still too early to determine roles."

Returning from last year, and poised to take control, are sophomores Chad Cordero, Darric Merrell and Wes Littleton. Also returning is junior Sean Martin, and seniors Charlie Zahari and Travis Esquibel, who red shirted last season.

The recruiting class this season was also successful in bringing the Titans some talented pitching. Brought in to fill some of the vacancies are freshman Dustin Miller from Diamond Bar High School, and left-handed Jeff Housman from the College of the Sequoias.

Making his return to CSUF, after a couple of seasons in Tennessee, is right-hander Jordan DeJong.

"DeJong was here and then he left for a while" said Horton. "Now he is back and really throwing the ball well. Signs on Jordan are very, very good."

Although it is too early to tell, it looks as though Merrell and Littleton have the claim on two spots in the starting rotation so far. Cordero may get a look at starting, but he probably will retain his role as the team's closer, which he excelled in last season.

Defense should also be a strength for the Titans this season.

"We have the potential to put out a very good defensive ball club," Horton said.

The infield is loaded with experience, as juniors Corapci, third baseman Mike Martinez and senior shortstop David Munoz are entering the latter stages of their collegiate careers.

Munoz is a transfer student from Biola University and, if Saturday's intrasquad scrimmage at Goodwin Field was any indication, he is a virtual lock at the starting shortstop position. He not only had three hits, but also was superb in the field, twice leaping and taking hits away from opponents.

He also threw out first baseman Jacob Mendrin from the grass on a ball hit deep in the hole.

Horton likes Munoz and anticipates him becoming a team leader.

"David Munoz has leadership capabilities," he said. "He has a very good instinct for the game and I think his best value would be senior leadership."

Leadership is also going to play a factor in the batting order. Horton and Corapci both view the hitting as being the weakest spot on the team and stress the importance of manufacturing runs.

"We are not going to be able to sit back and repeat last season's statistics,"



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Chris Klosterman awaits a throw as Jason Corapci slides safely into third during the Titans' intrasquad scrimmage, Saturday.

Horton said. "We are going to have to click on all cylinders to score."

Corapci said he agrees.

"The offense is going to come around," he said. "We just need to mold together."

One player who may be able to put the Titans over the hump offensively is outfielder Shane Costa. While currently ineligible to practice due to academics, Costa remains an important part of the offense and CSUF awaits his return.

"We believe that he will be back," Horton said. "He had a little snafu in the summer and didn't pass a math test."

"We need balance in our batting order and everything this team needs, [Costa] owns. When a freshman can come in [like he did] and take us to Omaha, what more can you ask for?"

On their quest to return to Omaha,

Horton stressed hard work as the key component to fulfilling their goal.

"The biggest thing is attitude," he said. "The 1995 team (which won the national championship) was full of overachievers. They didn't look great on paper but they turned out to be one of the greatest college baseball teams in history. So far this season, the signs are good on attitude."

Horton added that it is too early to begin postseason talk.

"We are just going to have fun and work hard. We won't know what kind of team we have until the season starts," he said.

Corapci agrees that the team's attitude is going to be one of the deciding factors in how well the season goes.

"How we pull together is going to determine how well we play," he said. "I am going to do whatever I can to

COMMENTARY

Should fan mail be monitored in order to protect ath-

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Special to the Titan

spot a suspicious letter to making them wear gloves to throwing out mail altogether.

The mail that is getting the most scrutiny is foreign mail and mail that appears to be from children.

Some athletes feel guilty because they realize that their younger fans may not understand why their favorite players aren't replying.

According to Kevin Byrne, the Baltimore Ravens' vice president of communications, "Some of [the fan mail] is from kids and because it just doesn't look right, feel right and has no return address, our people have decided to err to the side of caution."

In the American League, the Yankees and Mariners — who faced off in this year's ALCS — even prohibited their players from opening fan mail during the series, ESPN's Peter Gammons reported.

Other teams have opted for professionals to open their mail.

The Baltimore Ravens, for example, have turned to a local fire station to answer their mail as they are more trained in spotting a suspicious package.

Whatever the case, this appears to be yet another example of the nation having to cope with tighter security.

Athletes are role models in so many aspects of our life, and it appears they will be leading

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